

Crowd Jeers Belloise As Dauthuille Wins

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MONTREAL—Laurent Dauthuille, of France, scored a seventh-round technical knockout over New York's Steve Belloise in a 10-rounder here last night that was booed from start to finish.

Referee Tommy Sullivan stopped the fight just after the seventh round got under way when Belloise was unable to offer any resistance to the free-swinging Frenchman. Belloise weighed 161 and Dauthuille 158.

Belloise held a three-pound margin over the flashy Frenchman. But maybe it was Dauthuille's 26 years that counted so heavily against the New Yorker, who was unable to toss more than a dozen punches throughout the one-sided affair.

A near-capacity crowd of 11,593 contributed a gross gate of \$44,353, but they didn't seem to enjoy the show as they continually called for Belloise to "fight" and swarmed around ringside to voice their objection.

Down Three Times

In the opening round, Belloise went down twice under the Frenchman's heavy artillery of smashing right-hand blows to the body. The first time he went down for the automatic eight-count under the full impact of a solid right. He had just regained his feet when the Frenchman hit him again and Belloise slumped to the canvas for a count of four when the bell saved him.

Belloise was down for the third time in the second round when he almost collapsed after a stormy, two-fisted attack on the ropes. Throughout most of the one-sided affair, Belloise only threw weak left-hand side blows that had no effect whatsoever on the Frenchman. But,

on the other hand, Dauthuille's blows seemed to rock and stagger the New Yorker every time they landed.

Dauthuille, who has won eight of his nine fights in Montreal, was a pre-fight, 6-to-5 favorite.

He tagged Belloise with practically every punch he threw and the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds were his all the way. However, after the crowd hollered for Belloise to "fight" during the third session, he seemed to try harder, but he just couldn't keep up with his younger opponent.

After the fight, Belloise was taken to his dressing room in a dazed condition. Reporters were not immediately permitted to enter the dressing room for interviews as Belloise's trainers still were working over him.

When reporters finally were allowed to enter the dressing room, Belloise said: "After Dauthuille hit me and knocked me down in the first round, I don't know what happened from there on. I think I hit the back of my head on the floor because it's still sore."

Belloise, out on his feet for almost a half hour after the fight, was attended by two Montreal Athletic Commission doctors.

They said he suffered a slight injury to the back of his head but did not elaborate.

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